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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 21 November 1953, the KVP installation at Altwarp quartered an estimated 600 KVPs who wore red-bordered black collar patches. No training activity was observed. About 8 x 37-mm AA guns and 30 heavy AA guns besides 30 to 40 trucks were parked in the yard of the installation. Vehicles identified included: jeeps ; motorcycle and trucks 25X1 A new block of quartering buildings was nearing completion.

2. In early December, the AAA unit in Altwarp was taken over by Captain Rau. Rau, whose family lived in Saxony, quickly won the sympathy of his men by introducing a more varied training schedule. Consequently, the morale of the unit was greatly improved.

3. The soldiers of the unit were restricted to their quarters. This measure was partly motivated by efforts to improve the military discipline of the soldiers, and partly by the demands of the new training year, which started on 29 November 1953. On occasion of an inspection, when a total of about 410 men had fallen in, the soldiers were asked to show greater discipline.

4. After 29 November, most of the soldiers of the unit were given theoretical instruction. Field training was given to only 40 to 50 men. Advanced combat practice firing with rifles and two obsolescent heavy machine guns was conducted. Another detail of about 50 soldiers was daily given night training. About 50 recruits received basic training.

5. On 10 December, source observed AAA soldiers being trained on four large range finders. A total of about 25 men were involved in this training. The range finders used were about 2 meters long and had a diameter of 18 to 20 centimeters.

6. There was no change in the gun equipment of the AAA unit during the reported period. Except for about 10 trucks which were used as supply vehicles and marked by a white "T", all the other vehicles including the radar set, were jacked up. 25X1 The latter was marked by a white "E".

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7. [redacted] the driving school 25X1
unit quartered at the same installation numbered 215 men. Commanding officer
of the unit was Captain Huepgner, [redacted] Chief of the
repair shop in Altwarp was Senior Lieutenant Boy from Rostock. Examinations 25X1
were being held for the issuance of drivers' certificates. Driving at night
and in convoy was still being practiced. On 10 December, a detail of 30 men
arrived from Karpin for training as drivers.

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Comment. The report confirms the AAA regiments and the AAA school of 25X1
Division Eggesin in Altwarp. [redacted]
Captain Rau (fnu) probably replaced
Major Boerner, who reportedly was transferred to the AAA school in Oranienburg. 25X1
The information on the number of guns seen in Altwarp conflicts with information
on the organization of the AAA regiment. [redacted]
the regiment involved consists of 1 or 2 batteries equipped with
85-mm AA guns, and 3 or 4 batteries equipped with 37-mm AA guns.

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